

MILLIONS OF GALLONS FLOW.**GARDEN ON THE RESERVOIR.**

The Boyd's Corners and Middle Branch Storage Reservoirs Now Open.

Water Now Runs Where It Has Not Run for Months.

If the eight of millions of gallons of water flowing from the new aqueduct into the Central Park Reservoir is not grand enough to rouse onlookers to ecstatic heights, there are other sights nearer the source of supply in the Croton water-shed which could not fail to enchant with their beauty.

They are occasioned by the opening of the big storage reservoirs at Boyd's Corners and the Middle Branch by order of Chief Engineer Birdsell, of the Department of Public Works.

The first of these contains 2,700,000,000 gallons of water, and the Middle Branch 4,000,000,000 gallons.

Both these reservoirs are drawn off from the bottom and the released column of water rises through the water of the river in an immense fountain—a gigantic mass of aerated liquid, which falls back into the channel and rushes forward to replenish Croton Lake, which is being rapidly lowered by the unusual demand on its resources.

The water from these reservoirs is as cold as the coldest spring water, and its effect on the fish in Croton Lake has brought joy to the sportsperson.

Myriad streams have been lurking in the coolest pools they could find under shady and overhanging banks, and the most enticing fly which anglers ever made could not entice them from their hiding places.

To these fish the cold stream which the reservoirs pour down was most welcome, and they have all gathered there under the spouting fountains, and the anglers are busily catching them.

The draw-off on these storage reservoirs was made necessary because the water in Croton Lake was rapidly receding. Yesterday it was nineteen inches below the crest of the dam.

Should a rain come, the reservoir gates will be closed, for it would take but a single fall over the vast area of the water-shed to rapidly fill the lake and supply the city's demand for water, increased as it is.

Between 30,000,000 and 40,000,000 gallons of water were taken through the new aqueduct to the Central Park distributing reservoir yesterday, and it is now delivering at the rate of about 25,000,000 gallons.

The increase in depth of water as noted this morning was just 18 inches and at the Poughkeepsie end of the aqueduct.

This gain was accomplished despite the fact that the pipe which supplies fire pressure to the East Side was opened.

In the scheme under consideration it is proposed to have fine ornamental entrances on Fifth Avenue and a series of terraces on the Bryant Park side. Then an iron and cement flooring laid over the reservoir, could be laid out a most beautiful garden, with paths for frequent visitors. Around this half-acre could be arranged tennis courts, croquet lawns, &c., with fountains, flowers, shrubs, arbors, promenades, &c., all to delight the eye and enhance the sense.

It will be an attraction to tourists like the Eifel tower, which the metropolis, and its suburbs, the bay, the Hudson and the Sound could be photographed in the mind of the beholder. Here, too, could be located cafes, &c., so that all the world's people, artistic and material, can be supplied.

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DID SHE KICK LITTLE PAT?

Beautiful Terraced Park Over the Old Forty-second Street Tank.

"The World's" Plan for a Unique and Permanent Breathing Place.

Every citizen of New York is interested in the plan formulated in to-day's paper for the utilization of the old reservoir at Forty-second street and Fifth avenue, making of it one of the most beautiful and practical breathing places in the city.

Briefly stated, the plan is to allow the present structure to remain where it was built half a century ago; its use as a storage basin for water to be maintained as a precautionary measure, and the structure to be built over with a magnificent air garden for the public to term upon the foundation afforded by the reservoir walls.

Now that the new aqueduct is in satisfactory operation and the great lake in Central Park is ample for the storage and daily distribution of the people's water supply, the need of the Forty-second street reservoir, with its capacity of 16,000,000 gallons, is only provisional, and probably nearly every one expects to see some disposition made of the massive edifice.

Proposed to tear it down and throw its area of four acres into the already-established Bryant Park is ample for the spouting fountains, and the anglers are busily catching them.

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